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We, the people of Saint Vincent DePaul Parish in the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, Missouri, are committed to following Jesus Christ, Evangelizer of the poor. We do this through:

- ♦ Eucharistic centered worship and continued spiritual formation.
- ♦ Service to the poor and oppressed.
- ♦ Preaching the Gospel by word and action in an ecumenical spirit.

Second Sunday of Lent

February 27 and February 28, 2010

"Listen to Him"

(By Regina Siegfried, ASC)

Ponder the parallels between the first reading from Genesis about God appearing to Abram and the Gospel story of the transfiguration. Imagine that you're Abram about to be instructed to count the stars; think about being in the sandals of Peter, John, or James who are about to hear a voice say, "listen to him." You'd probably pay attention.

Both Abram and the disciples encounter God in unusual ways. Our worship services are tame in comparison to the ritual Abram performed through the bloody act of cutting animals in half (except for the birds). In a trance, Abram sees a smoking fire pot and flaming torch wend their way through the pieces of animals he had placed on the altar. God makes a covenant with the desert sheik and promises a huge tract of land for him and his descendants. In the Gospel account, Peter, John, and James accompany Jesus to pray, only to witness him transform into a shining figure as they, like Abram, seem to travel to another plane of existence. The voice from the cloud silences the babbling Peter with, "This is my chosen Son, listen to him."

When the unusual circumstances are peeled away, both stories are about encountering the living God, a meeting which deepens the faith of Abram and the disciples. The people in both narratives learn the necessity of listening to the voice of God to continue on their journeys into deeper faith. While it would be unlikely that most of us have the dramatic meetings with God that Abram, Peter, John, and James experienced, we do have the sacred days of Lent to listen to God to discern our own covenants with a Transcendence that appears to us in the daily events of our ordinary lives.

Ponder:

- What do I need to do to really listen to God?
- How will I know if I hear the divine voice?
- What is my Lenten covenant with God?

Do:

- Continue reading the Lenten materials that were in the back of church.
- Where is my stone?

Prayer Petition/ Thanks Offering

Sacraments & Masses

4:30 pm Saturday
9:00 am Sunday
11 :00 am Sunday
12:05 pm Monday-Friday
6:30 pm Holy Days

Miraculous Medal



Devotion After
Monday Mass

Reconciliation

3:45 - 4:15 pm Saturday or by
appointment

Other Sacraments
by appointment

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday at Noon

You can submit requests to the
parish office or email:

bulletin@stvstl.org

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Saturday

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Closed Sunday, Holy Days &
Holidays

To register in the parish,
contact the Parish Office at
314.231.9328



Charity - Mission

VINCENT
DE PAUL
LOUISE DE
MARILLAC
350th anniversary

Ministry Schedule

Saturday

March 6th 4:30pm

L-Chris Kerlick
M-Chris Kerlick
M-Suzann Barry

Sunday

March 7th 9:00am

L-Steve Frei
L-Kathy Hart
M-S. Mary Roch Rocklage
M-S. Sandy Schwartz
M-Joan Soaib
M-Greg Stark
M-Maria Gray Storf
11:00am
L-Carl Marlinghaus
L-Franny Russell
M-Barb Marlinghaus
M-Laura Stobbs

Collection Counters

Sunday, March 7th Team 3

This Week In Our Parish

Sunday, February 28th

5:00p Meals

Monday March 1st

5:00p Meals

Tuesday, March 2nd

3:00p After School

6:30p Let's Start

Wednesday, March 3rd

3:00p After School

6:00p Fundraising Committee

6:30p PSR

Thursday, March 4th

10:00a Senior Bingo

3:00p After School

Friday, March 5th

9:00a Rummage set-up

Saturday, March 6th

9:00a Rummage sale

Sunday, March 7th

10:30a LOC meeting



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 27th

4:30p People of the Parish

Sunday, February 28th

Second Sunday of Lent

9:00a Sharon Brinson

11:00a Paul Schneebeck, Sr.

Monday, March 1st

12:05a Ronald Eisenhower

Tuesday, March 2nd

12:05p Delores Caponi

Wednesday, March 3rd

12:05p Jean Schnurbusch

Thursday, March 4th

12:05p George & Tom Winkelman

Friday, March 5th

12:05p George Finch

Saturday, March 6th

4:30p John Bayer

Sunday, March 7th

Third Sunday of Lent

9:00a Ladies of Charity

11:00a People of the Parish

Please call Ali for your request for Masses
at 231.9328 or email ali@stvstl.org

Weekly Readings For week of February 28, 2010

Sunday: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Psalm 27:1, 7-9, 13-14
Phillippians 3:17—4:1
Luke 9:28b-36

Monday: Daniel 9:4b-10
Psalm 79:8, 9, 11, 13
Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20
Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23
Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jeremiah 18:18-20
Psalm 31:5-6, 14-16
Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday: Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1:1-4, 6
Luke 16:19-31

Friday: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a,
17b-28a
Psalm 105:16-21
Matthew 521:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
Psalm 103:1-4, 6-8, 11
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9

Readings found at: <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>

FROM THE PASTOR

Our Gospel opens by telling us that Jesus went up a mountain to pray. “Went up to pray.” Prayer is not something that is simply a nice convenience. It is not something that Jesus shows Himself doing only when it is easy. Jesus went *out of His way*. He went **up** to pray.

Lent is not simply about deserts. It is also about mountains. It is about *going out of our way*. *Out of our way* to pray. *Out of our way* to do good works. *Out of our way* to touch the lives of others.

Many of us are watching the Olympics these days. Those champions did not simply decide that they were going to excel. They had to *go out of their way* to practice every day. They had to *go out of their way* to be coached by an expert. They had to *go out of their way* to go to the Olympic venue.

The Olympians win medals. In the normal Semitic symbolism of championship and of the God’s presence, Yahweh-God speaks from a cloud: “This is my beloved Son.”

In the same way, you and I are special, we are champions—beloved daughters and sons of our God—when we *go out of our way*. When we *go out of our way*, we are better. We are ten days into Lent. How much time have I spent in prayer? Am I looking forward to and planning to be present for the Liturgies which mark the Triduum of our Salvation at the end of Lent? Have I made the Sacrament of Reconciliation an important part of my Lent? Am I planning to *go out of my way*?


Have I *gone out of my way*? Have I, in the slightest way, inconvenienced myself for another? Have I “made the time” to spend with someone who is lonely or isolated or even ostracized? When have I taken the time to talk to my friend Jesus even when it was not convenient? Have I *gone out of my way*?

These are Lent Questions. The answers we give are like a barometer. The answers we give to these questions tell us how well we are using what the Preface at Mass calls “this joyous season.” The Preface goes on to speak of Lent as a time when our hearts and minds are renewed. Renewal, revival and championship do not just happen. We have to *go out of our way* to achieve them. The answers to the Lent Questions will tell us if we are on the way to that renewal, revival and championship. The answers tell us if we have *gone out of our way*. The way we answer these Lent Questions tells us how well we are responding to being Yahweh-God’s beloved sons and daughters.



Father OMD

Stewardship

For the week of 2/22/2010		Year-to-date	
Parish acct. revenue	\$11,812.73	\$236,618.47	
Parish acct. budgeted expense	\$6,958.00		
Parish acct. actual expense		\$224,605.36	
Parish acct. Surplus (Deficit)	\$4,854.73	\$12,013.11	
Social Ministries revenue	\$2,875.73	\$124,048.16	
Social Ministries budgeted expense	\$4,403.00		
Social Ministries actual expense		\$141,852.62	
Social Ministries Surplus (Deficit)	(\$1,527.27)	(\$17,804.46)	
Total revenue	\$14,688.46	\$360,666.63	
Total budgeted expense	\$11,361.00		
Total actual expense		\$366,457.98	
Total Surplus (Deficit)	\$3,327.46	(\$5,791.35)	

Happy Birthday

Prayer Requests



Together We Pray for ...

Together We Celebrate

February

- 28 Lily Leimkuehler
- 28 Christian Stark



March

- 1 Ben Abell
- 2 Brady Marshall
- 3 Alexandra Mertz
- 4 Craig Adams
- 5 Susanna Giraud
- 5 Charlene Martin
- 5 S. Mary Roch Rocklage
- 5 Jim Winkelmann
- 6 Robert Bolesta
- 6 Kevin Erxleben

those who are sick & their caregivers:

Ben Abell	Theresa Gray	Charles Mueller
May Andrews	Sandy Hagerling	Tyler Nash
Rosemary Augustine	Branden Hamm	Robert Nenninger
Tim Barry	Joey Harper	Tony Orf
Tom Barry	Nicki Harris	Belinda Patterson
Vida Bayer	Ervin Hartmann	Esther Philips
Richard Belair	George Heath	Bobby Ragsdale
Marie Berning	Joe Hess C.M.	Mary Reigel
Shannon Broyles	Leonard Hess	Gwen Rogers
S. Mary Ann Buhr	Nile Hodges	Hugh Rogers
Nancy Bundren	Meg Hoester	Jay Roth
Nina Cerutti	Paul Hogan	Glenn Schaefer, Jr.
Marge Chromoga	Emily Hrbacek	Ellen Sprenke
Gary Cooper	Thomas Jaeger	Cathy Staten
Jim Cormack C.M.	Tim Jackson	Eve Steffen
Mary Jo Cutsinger	Rollie Johnson	James Stephens
Mary Deeker	Linda Koflon	Jerry Thompson
Kathleen Diechaus	Jill LaFrance	Isaiah Tisdale
Ken Doyle	Jim LaBrier	Joseph Trendle
Ron Figura	Mary Limmer	Evelyn Tucker
Martha Fischer	Richard Loos	Frank Vanek
Ellie Flynn	Ted McCready	Mary Vatterott
Mary Fontana	Megan McDowell	Mary Venezia
Dana Gamache	Zak McQuay	Annie Wadley
Lauren Gamache	Marilyn Menke	Jennifer Wallace
Tom Ganz	Joe Miller	Eugene Woody
Sharon Gough	Delia Minor	Judy Zurfluh
John Gray	Anita Moore	Linda Zurfluh

Any Catholic family wishing to apply for tuition assistance through the Archdiocese for the 2010-2011 school year must obtain a "Facts" application from the parish office. Students must attend a Parochial elementary school or an Archdiocesan, Regional or Parochial High School to be eligible. The due date for the application is April 1, 2010 and must include a copy of your 2009 Income Tax Return.



those who are in need of special prayer, especially those serving in the armed forces:

Win Anderson	Timothy Maguire	Jason Roth
Jean Caraman	Chad Mellick	Paul Schaffer
Cody Fahrman	Nikki Mellick	Megan Stephens
Michael Gray	Scott Mellick	Norman Stoddard
Travis Hipps	Thomas Milleson	Rick Taylor
Sam Kramer	Mark Mitchell	

all those who allow us to serve them at the after school program, the clothing window, Let's Start, meals, the sandwich window, and senior bingo.

for the deceased:

Larry Edward Brown, father of Allen Slaughter
Elizabeth Himmelberg, mother of Joe Himmelberg



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"We must generously accept our inability to act, when it pleases God that this should happen."

-St. Louise de Marillac

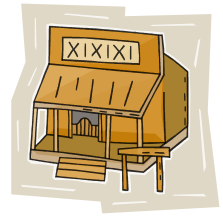
When I am forced to remain inactive, Lord, keep me patient and calm in my waiting, knowing that this, too, pleases you.

If you have a person you would like added to our prayer list, please call Ali at 314.231.9328 or email:

bulletin@stvstl.org

From Father ☺tto's Twisted Mind— for Lent

In a small *Texas* town, (*Mount Vernon*) Drummond's bar began construction on a new building to increase their business. A local church started a campaign to block the bar from opening with petitions and prayers. Work progressed right up till the week before opening when lightning struck the bar and it burned to the ground.



The church folks were rather smug in their outlook after that. They were smug until the bar owner sued the church. He sued on the grounds that the church was ultimately responsible for the demise of his building, either through direct or indirect actions or means.



The church vehemently denied all responsibility or any connection to the building's demise in its reply to the court. As the case made its way into court, the judge looked over the paperwork. At the hearing she commented, "I don't know how I am going to decide this. Here is what I see from the paperwork: we have a bar owner who believes in the power of prayer, and an entire church congregation that does not."



Opportunities

...to be stewards of your parish.



I feel your Pain

The Feinstein Foundation proportionately matches all money given to the poor fund at Saint Vincent DePaul Parish during the months of March and April of 2010.

We need your help!

St. Vincent's food pantry is open for our neighbors again. Please help us to keep the pantry stocked by bringing items to church which will be brought up to the altar at the offertory. Items needed:

Pasta Sauce
Soups



Don't forget to put in your request to have the day off work to play a game of golf. We need golfers for our annual golf tournament on **June 11th**. Call Ali at 231.9328.

Pray for...



Please donate items for our clothing window. We give out a clean change of clothes and toiletries once a week. We are in need of sweatshirts. A black barrel is located in the vestibule for your donations.

Thank You from the Ladies of Charity.

Attention all Knitters & Crocheters:

The Chris Baker Memorial Prayer Shawl Project is in need of help. The requests have been overwhelming for prayer shawls so we are asking anyone who would like to help in this mission to contact Jean Caton at catonjr@sbcglobal.net or leave a message with Ali at 231.9328.

No meetings, no dues; just your prayers and talents are requested. Yarn will be provided.



F.Y.I.

what's going on at ST. VINCENT'S




As we focus on Lent and the coming of Easter, the Faith Formation will sponsor a talk given by **Jeff Finnegan** on the *Eucharist*. Jeff will speak on Sunday, March 14th between

Masses—10:15 to 11:00 in the Annex. Jeff has a strong background in Theology balanced by 20 years experience as pastoral associate and director of youth ministry at *Blessed Teresa of Calcutta* parish in *Ferguson*. As director of youth ministry, Jeff arranged and supervised mission trips, retreats, youth group meetings, and summer youth trips. As pastoral associate, Jeff was responsible for communion services, teaching in the parish school, teaching PSR, preparing children for sacraments, and the RCIA program. Jeff is a member of the RCIA team for the archdiocese



and planning teams for retreat programs as well as many other duties. Set aside this small bit of your time on Sunday March 14th—you will be glad that you did.

MSO NEWS



The St. Vincent DePaul Men's Service Organization has planned a meeting in the annex for Monday, March 8th, starting at 6 PM with a social gathering. This is a joint meeting with our wives as well as with the Ladies of Charity and their husbands.

The program will begin at 6:30 and will be presented by Ms. Nina Watkins, a Partnership Specialist with the US Census Bureau. She will discuss the importance of the census regarding political representation, the next decade's federal funding and demographic analysis. She will also talk about how difficult it is to get some people to comply with the census, how they plan to include the homeless in St. Louis, and adventures – and misadventures – of census takers in the past. A question and answer period will follow.

After the program we will have a \$15 per person catered dinner. The Ladies of Charity will then give a short talk on their history at St. Vincent DePaul, their past and future charitable work and how the MSO can be of assistance. Please RSVP by **March 4th**:

SAVE THE DATE: May 10th All parishioners are invited to this MSO Monday evening meeting at St. Patrick Center for a dinner at McMurphy's Grill with Dan Buck as our speaker. More to come later.

Prayer Shawl Reminder
 The Ladies of Charity sponsor a Prayer Shawl ministry inspired by and in memory of our dear friend and deceased member, **Chris Baker**. To request a shawl for a family member or friend who is ill, please contact Jean Caton at catonjr@sbcglobal.net

Saint Vincent's Outreach Program

What We Can Do For You...

- Bring communion to the sick
- Bring meals during a crisis
- Bring communion to the families of the sick or dying
- Will make home visits for those who are homebound when requested
- Will make hospital visits

Call:
 636.448.1064 Kathy Stowers
 314.231.9328 Parish Office

SAVE THE DATE: June 5th
50/60's dance to be held here in St. Vincent's hall.





Parish Reconciliation
Service
Monday
March 15
7:00 pm
Light dinner preceding

Communal Anointing of the Sick at all Masses March 20–21



Introducing the Parish Strategy Task Force

At the end of 2009, in response to growing concern about the financial condition of our parish, the Parish Council formed a Parish Strategy Task Force. Working closely with the parish staff, the Parish Council, and the Finance Committee, the Task Force identified the following goals:

- Develop a strategic financial plan designed to increase membership and revenue, improve financial stability, and help ensure the long-term viability of the parish.
- Develop a strategic marketing plan designed to increase awareness of the spiritual and social ministries, maximize fundraising efforts, and expand financial, volunteer and community support for the mission of St. Vincent DePaul Parish.

The Task Force members, listed below, have collective experience in finance, fundraising, marketing, communications and parish operations. In the next few weeks you will be hearing more about the Task Force's activities. In the meantime, please feel free to contact them at any time directly or by emailing taskforce@stvstl.org.

Sr. Teresa Daly
Jim Lammers
Jane Lammers
Kerry Lyman
Pat Poehling
Sr. Mary Roch Rocklage
Dennis Turek
Barbara Zawier

Missouri Food Pantry Tax Credit

Did you give donations of cash or food to St. Vincent's Social Ministries (Poor Fund) or Christmas Program in 2009? If you did, and if you pay Missouri state income tax, you are eligible for the Missouri Food Pantry Tax Credit, which can reduce your tax liability by 50% of the value of your donations. If you gave \$100, that would be \$50 less that you would pay in taxes. If you gave \$1000, you would pay \$500 less. The total credit you may receive in any year is \$2500, and your claim must be filed by April 15.

If you'd like to learn more about how to apply for the Food Pantry tax credit, stop and see us in the hall after Mass this weekend or any weekend until April 15.

Our Neighbors' Events

The Sundance Trio in Recital, benefitting the School Sisters of Notre Dame on March 13th at 7pm. Cost is \$40, including meeting the artists at a wine and cheese reception following the concert. **OR** March 14th at 7pm and the cost is \$25. Both recitals will be held in the chapel at the SSND Motherhouse at 320 E Ripa Avenue. Contact Debbie Rohrich-Tyler at 314.6337032 or ssndrdo@ssnd-sl.org for more information and to order tickets. Bios of the musicians can be found at www.ssnd-sl.org.

The Megan Ann Mahon Memorial Foundation is sponsoring a No Limit Texas Hold 'em Tournament. Admission covers chips for play and snacks. .

For more information, call Janelle Mahon at 314-960-6075 or jlumpym@charter.net.

WHEN -- Friday, March 5 -- Doors open 6:30 p.m. -- play starts 7:30 p.m. at Epiphany Church.